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Charakterbilder. By GUSTAV SCHMOLLER. Munich and Leipzig: Duncker und Humblot, 1913. 8vo, pp. vi+302. M. 7.

Professor Schmoller presents in the *Charakterbilder* a series of sketches of some of the leading personalities in Germany in the last two centuries. Sovereigns and statesmen, savants and men of letters, officials and captains of industry, in great part men with whom the author has been personally acquainted, are the characters, of whom he draws most interesting portraits. These articles, previously published but scattered hitherto through a variety of newspapers and periodicals, are collected here for the first time.

The American Mediterranean. By STEPHEN BONSAI. New York: Moffat, Yard & Co., 1912. 8vo, pp. xiv+488. \$3.00.

A historical account of the development of customs and institutions among the peoples inhabiting the islands of the Caribbean Sea is here given in an interesting and popular style. Appendices present a small amount of financial material, the treaty with the Republic of Panama, canal legislation, and the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty; but the book is primarily serviceable to the traveler and the historian, rather than to the student of economics.

Woman in Modern Society. By EARL BARNES. New York: B. W. Huebsch, 1912. 12mo, pp. 257. \$1.25.

To the rapidly increasing literature on the disputatious subject of *Woman*, Professor Barnes has added *Woman in Modern Society*, a book which says a good many things which need to be said and which succeeds in rubbing off some of the artificial glamour with which many are wont to glorify women's present achievements and position. The author subscribes to the belief that the equality of men and women is one of supplementary activities alone; only by recognition of this principle of mutual dependence can the work of either of the sexes be made complete. To use his favorite words, man supplies the katabolic energy, woman the anabolic power. With this fundamental theory always in mind, and with appreciation of the heritage with which the past has endowed her, the author discusses woman's relations to education, to industrial and political life, and to family life. In none of these activities does he believe the satisfactory solution has been reached; each situation bristles with problems. One of the most suggestive points in the book is the assertion that there is no longer a question of women's rights, for these either have been already gained or will be gained soon; the emphasis must now be laid on women's duties.

To criticize in detail the author's beliefs, some of which are conventional and some liberal, is useless, since that could be but the measuring of one personal opinion against another. The reader is bound to encounter scores